

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An applicator for the application of a product, comprising:

a reservoir including a first side and a second side, wherein the second side is on an opposite side of the reservoir than the first side, and wherein the first side faces toward a finger when the applicator is mounted on a finger;

means to attach the applicator to a finger;

an applicator portion having a first surface configured to engage a portion of a body during use and a second surface secured to the second side of the reservoir located immediately adjacent the second surface of the applicator portion, the applicator portion being isolated from the reservoir at least before first use of the applicator; and

means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion in response to an operating action at least during first use of the applicator, wherein the applicator portion is permeable to the product.

Claim 2 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to attach the applicator includes at least one of an adhesive layer formed by the first side of the reservoir, a ring, a finger stall, or a hook and loop system.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An applicator according to claim 2, wherein the means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion includes a membrane breakable in response to pressure exerted from the first side of the reservoir during first use of the applicator.

Claim 4 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion includes a membrane capable of breaking in response to pressure exerted from the first side of the reservoir during first use of the applicator.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion includes an element capable of piercing the second side of the reservoir.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 5, wherein the element is a spike integral with the first side of the reservoir.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 5, wherein the first side of the reservoir is deformable in response to an external pressure thereby establishing communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion.

Claim 8 (Original): An applicator according to claim 4, wherein the first side of the reservoir is deformable in response to an external pressure thereby establishing communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion.

Claim 9 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the first side of the reservoir is deformable in response to an external pressure thereby establishing communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion.

Claim 10 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator portion includes a porous material.

Claim 11 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein said applicator portion includes a fibrous material.

Claim 12 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein said applicator portion includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of: a thermoplastic foam material, a sponge material, a felt, and a material including natural fibers.

Claim 13 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator portion is made of a resiliently deformable material.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator portion includes an application surface, and wherein the application surface includes a cover material, and wherein said cover material includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of: a flock material, a non-woven material, and a woven material.

Claim 15 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to attach the applicator includes a hypoallergenic adhesive.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator portion includes a cross-section through a thickness of the applicator portion having a convex shape at least on a side used to apply the product.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 16, wherein the applicator includes a cross-section through a thickness of the applicator having a concave shape on the first side of the reservoir.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator includes a cross-section through a thickness of the applicator having a concave shape on the first side of the reservoir.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the applicator includes a cross-section through a thickness of the applicator having flattened shape with the first side of the reservoir substantially parallel to a face used to apply the product.

Claim 20 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein a front view of the applicator portion has a circular shape.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein a frontal view of the applicator has a non-circular shape.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 21, wherein a frontal view of the applicator portion has a shape which is one of: triangular, square, oval, drop shaped, and almond shaped.

Claim 23 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to attach includes an adhesive layer, and wherein the adhesive layer is covered before first use by a removable protective film.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, further including a product contained in the reservoir, and wherein the product is in liquid, semi-liquid or paste form.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 24, wherein applicator portion contains a second product intended to be mixed with the product held in the reservoir, and wherein the second product is in the form of a liquid, a semi-liquid, a paste, or a powder.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, further including a container including a closed recess containing at least one applicator.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 20, wherein the container is in the form of a sachet.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 26, wherein the container is in the form of a cell closed by a film.

Claim 29 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein said applicator includes at least one product selected from the group consisting of: a cosmetic, a dermatological product, a disinfectant product, a sunscreen, a moisturizing product, an anti-

wrinkle product, a nail product, a foundation, a lip product, a makeup remover, a hair care product, a hair coloring product, a deodorant, an antiperspirant product, and a perfume.

Claim 30 (Original): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to attach attaches the applicator to an end portion of a single finger.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the means to attach attaches the applicator to end portions of plural fingers.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir contains a liquid product component and said applicator portion includes another product component associated therewith, wherein when communication is established between said applicator portion and said reservoir said liquid product component wets said another product component.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): An applicator according to claim 1, further including a container for containing at least one of said applicators, wherein said container includes a recess which receives an applicator and a cover which covers said recess, and further wherein said cover also covers the first side of said reservoir when said applicator is positioned inside of said container before use.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): An applicator device for applying a product using at least one finger comprising:

a reservoir, said reservoir containing one of a product to be applied with said applicator device and a component of a product to be applied with said applicator device;

an applicator portion having a first surface configured to engage a portion of a body during use and a second surface secured to the second side of the reservoir located immediately adjacent the second surface of the applicator portion, said applicator portion including an applicator surface which is urged against a surface to which the product is to be applied for application of the product, wherein contents of said reservoir are isolated from said applicator portion at least prior to a first use of the applicator device;

an attachment arrangement which attaches the applicator device to at least one finger of a hand such that said applicator surface is at least partially disposed at an end portion of the at least one finger; and

means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion to supply contents of the reservoir to the applicator portion, wherein the applicator portion is permeable to the product.

Claim 35 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said attachment arrangement attaches the applicator device to a single finger.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said attachment arrangement attaches the applicator device to plural fingers.

Claim 37 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein when mounted on the at least one finger, the reservoir is disposed between the at least one finger and the applicator portion.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said attachment arrangement includes a loop which encircles a portion of at least one finger.

Claim 39 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the attachment arrangement includes a hypoallergenic adhesive which adhesively couples the applicator device to the at least one finger.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the attachment arrangement includes a finger stall into which the at least one finger is inserted.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the attachment arrangement includes a hook and loop fastener and wherein a first component of the hook and loop fastener is mounted on the at least one finger and a second component of the hook and loop fastener is associated with said reservoir and said applicator portion.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said reservoir contains a component of a product to be applied with said applicator device, and wherein after said means to establish communication establishes communication between said reservoir and said applicator portion said component mixes with another component contained in the applicator device.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 42, wherein said another component is associated with said applicator portion before said means to establish communication establishes communication between said reservoir and said applicator portion.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 43, wherein said component in said reservoir includes a liquid and wherein said another component includes vitamin C associated with said applicator portion.

Claim 45 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 44, wherein said component in said reservoir includes water.

Claim 46 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said applicator device includes at least one product selected from the group consisting of: a cosmetic, a dermatological product, a disinfectant product, a sunscreen, a moisturizing product, an anti-wrinkle product, a nail product, a foundation, a lip product, a make-up remover, a hair care product, a hair coloring, a deodorant, an antiperspirant, and a perfume.

Claim 47 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein prior to establishing communication between said reservoir and the applicator said reservoir contains a product component including one of a liquid, a semi-liquid and a paste, and wherein prior to establishing communication between said reservoir and said applicator portion said applicator portion includes another product component including one of a liquid, a semi-liquid, a paste, and a powder.

Claim 48 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said means to establish communication includes a breakable membrane separating the applicator portion from contents of the reservoir, and wherein said breakable membrane is broken upon application of pressure to said applicator device.

Claim 49 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said means to establish communication includes a spike which pierces a wall of said reservoir.

Claim 50 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, further including a container having a plurality of cells with each cell containing at least one applicator device.

Claim 51 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 50, further including a plurality of film portions with each film portion individually closing a respective one of said plurality of cells.

Claim 52 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 51, wherein said attachment arrangement includes an adhesive on a first side thereof, and wherein when an applicator device is positioned in a cell of said container said first side faces upward and a film portion of said plurality of film portions extends over and covers the adhesive of said first side.

Claim 53 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, further including a sachet for containing at least one said applicator device.

Claim 54 (Original): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein when mounted on said at least one finger said applicator device includes a first surface facing said at least one finger, and wherein said first surface has a concave shape.

Claim 55 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 54, wherein said applicator surface has a convex shape.

Claim 56 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein said applicator surface includes a cover material.

Claim 57 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 56, wherein said cover material includes a flock material.

Claim 58 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 56, wherein said cover material includes a non-woven material.

Claim 59 (Withdrawn): An applicator device according to claim 56, wherein said cover material includes a woven material.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): An applicator according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, ~~wherein the applicator portion has a first surface configured to engage a portion of a body during use and a second surface secured to the second side of the reservoir~~ wherein the membrane forms the entire second side of the reservoir and wherein second surface of the applicator portion and membrane have a substantially same area.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): An applicator according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein the applicator portion covers an opening in the membrane created by the breaking of the membrane.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): An applicator according to claim 3, wherein after breaking, the product flows through the broken membrane so that it passes through the applicator portion to an application surface of the applicator.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the means to establish communication is a membrane that is breakable in response to an operating action at least during first use of the applicator, wherein after breaking, the product flows through the broken membrane so that it passes through the applicator portion to an application surface of the applicator.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the applicator portion covers an opening in the membrane created by the breaking of the membrane.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): An applicator device according to claim 34, wherein the applicator portion includes a second surface configured to be engaged with a surface of the reservoir, wherein the second surface of the applicator portion and the surface of the reservoir have substantially a same area.

Claim 66 (New): An applicator for the application of a product, comprising:
a reservoir including a first side and a second side, wherein the second side is on an opposite side of the reservoir than the first side, and wherein the first side faces toward a finger when the applicator is mounted on a finger;
means to attach the applicator to a finger;

an applicator portion having a first surface configured to engage a portion of a body during use and a second surface secured to the second side of the reservoir located immediately adjacent the second surface of the applicator portion, the applicator portion being isolated from the reservoir at least before first use of the applicator; and

means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion which includes a membrane breakable in response to an operating action at least during first use of the applicator,

wherein the applicator portion is permeable to the product, and

wherein the second surface of the applicator portion and the membrane have a respective length, said second surface and said membrane surface being in contact with each other on substantially all their length.

Claim 67 (New): An applicator for the application of a product, comprising:

a reservoir including a first side and a second side, wherein the second side is on an opposite side of the reservoir than the first side, and wherein the first side faces toward a finger when the applicator is mounted on a finger;

means to attach the applicator to a finger;

an applicator portion, the applicator portion being isolated from the reservoir at least before first use of the applicator; and

means to establish communication between the reservoir and the applicator portion in response to an operating action at least during first use of the applicator, wherein the applicator portion is permeable to the product, and

wherein the means to attach the applicator includes an adhesive layer able to adhesively couple the applicator device to the finger.